



Agenda and Report for BRCC Community Meeting

Wednesday July 12, 2023, 6:00-7:30 PM
La Jolla Masonic Lodge, 5655 La Jolla Blvd

1. Welcome, Board Member Introductions, Remarks

Joe T (Pres) in person

Joe Parker (VP)

Jesse Camen (Secretary)

Barbara Dunbar (Treasurer, BRCC MAD rep, BR newsletter editor etc.) in person

Craig Bender (Merchants Group rep) via zoom

Janet Gentile via zoom

Kristin Barret (Marketing & Communications)

Lake Price (our IT guru and Marketing & Communications)

Eric Kleinbub

2. Updates from Representatives of Elected Officials

We have three reps with us this evening

- Steve Hadley and Emily Lynch (Community Outreach Directors, Office of Councilmember Joe LaCava)

- Aurora Livingston (District Representative for Senate District 38, Catherine Blakespear).

- In addition, the following representatives provided written updates (see Appendix).
 - Rachel Dugan, Field Representative; Congressman Scott Peters,
 - Aurora Livingston, District Representative for Senate District 38, Catherine Blakespear)
 - Mariah Kallhoff, Field Representative, Office of Assemblymember Tasha Boerner
 - Celsey Taylor, Policy Advisor for Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, District 3
 - Cole Reed, District Representative, Office of Senate President pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins

3. Process to Change the La Jolla Planned District Ordinance (PDO)

About 40 Bird Rock residents and business owners attended the Planned District Ordinance (PDO) Committee meeting on July 10. This was a critical meeting because the Committee was beginning its process for making recommendations to "improve" the LJPDO.

During the meeting, the Committee reviewed: 1) The Purpose and Intent of the LJPDO and 2) Ground floor Retail Requirements in Zones 1 through 4. Bird Rock is in Zone 4. The Committee seemed responsive to the message that: 1) the Bird Rock commercial district is thriving; 2) it is part of what makes Bird Rock such a great place to live, work and visit; and 3) it would be put at risk by eliminating the current PDO requirements for ground floor retail space. Those from Bird Rock who spoke found different ways to make those points and to suggest methods to improve the process of updating the LJPDO.

Those suggestions included:

1. conducting a community wide poll to determine the Bird Rock Community's opinions on the current LJPDO requirements for ground floor retail space and possible changes to the LJPDO;
2. having an independent professional assessment of the impact of any proposed changes to the LJPDO; and
3. strengthening committee member conflict of interest rules.

The Committee recognized that the appropriate changes to the LJPDO regulations would differ by area within La Jolla. The Committee decided to work on changes to the LJPDO during its monthly meetings and not to have a sub-committee propose changes. The Committee will probably take several months to agree on proposed changes to the LJPDO and that is only the first step in changing the PDO. Continued and broad efforts by the greater Bird Rock area community will be required to ensure that any changes to the LJPDO benefit that community rather than just narrow interest groups.

The process for implementing changes to the LJPDO includes

1. the PDO Committee making its recommendations to the La Jolla Community Planning Association (LJCPA),
2. the LJCPA making its recommendations to the City, and
3. both the City Council and the California Coastal Commission approving the proposed changes.

The GBR community will need to be effectively involved in each step of that process. Your participation in this process is essential, where that participation can include sharing your ideas and expertise and attending the meetings at which recommendations or decisions will be made about changes to the LJPDO. Please watch for e-blast concerning this issue and contact me at info@birdrockcc.org if you have questions, suggestions or want to participate in this important effort or if you have not been receiving the Bird Rock Community Announcements from the Bird Rock Community Council.

4. Infrastructure Problems: Defective/Outdated Pedestrian Signals:

Anthony George, Customer Service Program Manager, Transportation Department, told Steve Hadley the City would only install signals like those installed elsewhere in San Diego. Fortunately and as noted previously, that includes much better signals than we currently have in Bird Rock. The BRCC will pursue various sources of funding for the new signals.

We still need one or more volunteers to check the signals frequently, report any problems to Get It Done or info@birdrockcc.org. Generally, the City has been good at responding and repairing the signals when a problem is reported via the Get It Done app.

5. 4th of July Parade:

The Murfey family and company organized this fantastic event for the greater Bird Rock community. There was amazing community support in terms of:

1. the great floats prepared for the parade, including the BRCC VW surf bus,
2. the hundreds of people in the parade or cheering them on and enjoying the post-parade band, other activities and food.

That level of community involvement is one of the things that makes Bird Rock such a special community.

6. I Love a Clean San Diego, Adopt-A-Beach program for Sun Gold Point/PB Point –

After the BRCC finds someone to oversee the Adopt-A-Beach cleanups that need to occur 3 times per year, it will initiate the application/adoption process

7. Don Bravo's Food Truck – the good, the bad and the ugly: Carol Obrien

The identified issues include the lights, odors, unsightly, and encroachment onto the sidewalk. Carol planned to contact the owner to discuss those issues. Subsequently, Carol reported that she had obtained info that the Don Bravo food truck indeed has a permit and that several of her SeaHaus neighbors are lodging complaints with the City.

8. Bike Path – A brief overview of what volunteer participation entails and what they have accomplished: Debbie Adams

Initially, there was a once a year effort by volunteers to maintain the bike path is now a have. Now, there are several cleanup efforts each year to address different seasonal issues with 20 or more volunteers. They are working with the City's Parks and Rec Dept. We agreed to help publicize their clean ups. Subsequently, Debbie sent info about their next cleanup, which was distributed to the Bird Rock community as a BR Special Event e-blast. If you have questions about this very useful volunteer activity, please send an email to nfo@birdrockcc.org.

9. La Jolla Community Planning Association:

At the July 6 CPA meeting, the following three projects in the Greater Bird Rock area were removed from the consent agenda, which means they probably will receive a full review at the August 3 meeting.

(Process 3) Coastal Development Permit to amend CDP No. 91-0400 for remodel and addition to existing two-story residence to become a three-story residence located at 625 Wrelton Drive. Work to include 186 square-foot first floor addition, 2,074-square-foot second floor addition, 115-square-foot penthouse, and decks. The 0.29-acre site is in the RS-1-7 Zone and Coastal Overlay (Appealable) Zone and Coastal Height Limit Overlay Zone within the La Jolla Community Plan area.

5960 Camino De La Costa

(Process 3) Coastal Development Permit and Site Development Permit for remodel of an existing 6,807 square-foot 2-story single family residence located at 5960 Camino de la Costa includes, new back- and side yard terraces, new pool & spa, balcony, hardscape sitework including new sitewalls. The 0.80-acre site is in the RS-1-5 Base Zone and Coastal Overlay (Appealable) Zone within the La Jolla Community Plan area. Council District 1.

5646 Chelsea Street

(Process 3) Coastal Development Permit, Proposed work for the demolition of an existing two-story single-family residence and the construction of a new two-story single-family residence with an attached garage, basement, and roof deck along with an attached ADU at 5646 Chelsea Avenue. [SDMC] 126.0702.

In addition and despite a variety of concerns, including the lack of deed restricted coastal view corridor easements, the CPA approved the following project.

6110 Camino De La Costa “Casa de Los Amigos”

(Process 3) Coastal Development Permit and Site Development Permit to demolish an existing 2-story residence and construct a new 3-story 10,567-square-foot residence with decks located at 6110 Camino de la Costa. The 0.37-acre site is in the RS-1-5 Zone and Coastal Overlay (Appealable) Zone in the La Jolla Community Plan area. Council District 1.

417 Sea Ridge is one of the properties Harry Bubbins mentioned that has a cascade of black mesh fabric hanging off the bluff.

417 SEA RIDGE DRIVE, NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, HEARING OFFICER, July 26, 2023, 9:00 A.M., CITY OPERATIONS BUILDING, 1222 FIRST AVENUE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

To join using the Zoom platform use this link: <https://sandiego.zoomgov.com/join/1603558740>

PROJECT NO: 484426

PROJECT NAME: 417 SEA RIDGE DRIVE

As a property owner, tenant, or person who has requested notice, please be advised that the Hearing Officer will hold a public hearing to approve, conditionally approve, or deny an application for a Coastal Development Permit (an amendment to Coastal Development Permit No. 95-0310) and Site Development Permit for removing an existing concrete infill area used to stabilize the bluff that was installed without a permit on a site with an existing single-family residence at 417 Sea Ridge Drive. The scope of work also includes removing a portion of a planter that was installed within the five-foot bluff setback area; removing portions of an existing private walk ramp, drain and site wall that encroaches into the public right-of-way; installing erosion control netting and hydroseeding along the face of the western slope; and installing a new sidewalk underdrain per City standards. The 0.24-acre site is in the RS-1-7 Zone, Coastal

(Appealable Area) Overlay Zone, Sensitive Coastal Overlay Zone, Coastal Height Limitation Overlay Zone, First Public Roadway, Parking Impact Overlay Zone (Coastal and Beach), Transit Area Overlay Zone, Transit Priority Area and Geologic Hazard Category 44, 47, and 53 within the La Jolla Community Plan area. This development is within the Coastal Overlay Zone and the application was filed on July 5, 2016.

10. Proposed Adelante Townhomes Development:

The Development Services Department requires more info before it can make a recommendation to the Planning Commission on this proposed development. Among other things, they include: 1) written findings from the applicant to demonstrate how each building standard for which a waiver is requested would physically preclude the construction of this development and 2) assurance from the San Diego Housing commission that the development would actually include a for-sale dwelling unit for a very low income household. In the absence of the former, the development would not qualify for the requested waivers and, in the absence of the latter, the development would not qualify for the requested density bonus, incentives and waivers that the development requires to comply with the La Jolla Planned District and other parts of the SDMC.

It would be great to have more folks from the Bird Rock community on the CPA. You can use the following link to join the CPA <https://lajollacpa.org/membership-application/>. Once you are a CPA member, you can become a trustee.

In late July, Russ Murfey proposed potential changes that include the following:

1. Adding approximately 1,100 square feet of retail space at the northwest corner (i.e., LJ Blvd and Forward), which would occupy 1/3 of the front of the building;
2. Redesigning the residential unit at that corner to be a one-story unit over the retail space (previously it was a 2-story unit with a basement); and
3. Designing an ADA compliant entrance to the retail space at sidewalk level to allow better access and adequate ceiling height for the retail space (e.g., at least 12').

The major topic for the September 5 BRCC Community Meeting will be the Adelante Townhomes project at 5575 La Jolla Blvd and potential changes Russ Murfey proposed.

11. Bird Rock MAD Signage/Monument Project

The next steps include having Trace Wilson prepare three signage/monument alternatives for the Bird Rock Community to review and obtaining additional sources of funding.

12. La Jolla Blvd. Lighting:

The BRCC is developing a project to enhance lighting in the Bird Rock commercial district along La Jolla Blvd. The project will include lighting of street trees on the sidewalks and lighting in the medians. The Bird Rock MAD maintains those areas. The project's objectives are to improve nighttime safety and enhance the identity of the Bird Rock commercial district. To proceed with this project, we need to know what types of tree lighting, such as up lighting, down lighting and/or string lighting on the tree trunks or limbs,

Parks and Rec Dept. will approve. Steve Hadley sent an email letter to the Parks and Rec Dept. to get that info. Once we know the permissible alternatives, we will present them to the Bird Rock Community in order to identify a preferred alternative and then pursue funding and City approval for that alternative. In response to Steve's email, the Parks and Rec Dept. said 1) many types of lighting can be installed, including lights in trees as long as it would not be detrimental to the trees and 2) they can be paid for with BR MAD funds).

13. Bird Rock Happy Hour

Stay tuned, the next Bird Rock Happy Hour will occur in late July or early August. Unfortunately, we had been too optimistic.

14. LICPA Coastal View Corridor Ad Hoc Committee (CVCC): Joe Terry & Barbara Dunbar

Nothing new to report.

15. E-blast

If you have an e-blast to share with the Bird Rock Community, send it to info@birdrockcc.org. Please encourage your Bird Rock friends and neighbors to ask to be added to the e-blast list and to at least glance at each e-blast in case it contains useful info. They can send a request to be added to the e-blast list to info@birdrockcc.org.

16. Bird Rock History:

Nothing new to report.

17. Public Announcements (2 minutes each on non-agenda topics)

18. Updates from Bird Rock Working Groups

a. Neighborhood Watch

If you have any questions about the Bird Rock Neighborhood Watch or want to volunteer, send an email to info@birdrockcc.org.

b. Ad hoc Bird Rock Coastal Committee (Don Schmidt, Mary Lynn Hyde and Joyce Snell)

Joyce reported on the Overlooks Com work this past month, which included progress on the repair of the Forward St bench and ongoing efforts to take care of the coastal overlooks in Bird Rock.

c. Bird Rock Merchants Group (Craig Bender)

Craig discussed the formation of a Bird Rock Merchants Board and the Adelante Townhomes project,

19. MAD Update: Barbara Dunbar

Barbara discussed the Urban Landcare contract extension, liability issues and proposed contract amendment to the Bird Rock MAD agreement with the City, irrigation and landscape updates, service requests, quarterly MAD meeting 9/5/23; and the annual MAD meeting 11/7/23.

Subsequently and as noted below, the quarterly MAD meeting was rescheduled to follow the October Community Meeting to ensure there would be adequate time to discuss the proposed changes to the Adelante Townhomes project at the September 5 Community Meeting.

20. Next Meeting

Unless there is a special meeting in August, the next Community Meeting: will be in person on Tuesday, September 5 at Bird rock Elementary. There will be limited Zoom access. Zoom details will be available at <https://www.birdrockcc.org>. The quarterly Bird Rock MAD meeting will immediately follow the September Community Meeting.

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21. Adjournment

Appendix

Written Updates from the Representatives of Elected Officials

July 2023

1. Rachel Dugan, Field Representative; Congressman Scott Peters, Rachel.Dugan@mail.house.gov

- The congressional app challenge is open. The deadline is on November 1.
- We have a satellite office open in San Marcos on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Please check your passport expiration date and your country of destination. Some countries need 6th months' validity.

2. Mariah Kallhoff, Field Representative, Office of Assemblymember Tasha Boerner, 77th Assembly District, Mariah.Kallhoff@asm.ca.gov

Upcoming Important Dates:

- July 14th – Summer Recess Begins
- August 14th – Legislature Reconvenes
- September 8th – Last day to amend bills on the Floor
- September 14th – Interim Recess Begins, bills are submitted to Governor's office
- October 14th – Last Day for the Governor to sign or veto bills

Introduced Bills in the 2023-2024 Legislative Session:

- **AB 45: Blue Carbon Projects in Coastal Developments**
 - Authorizes the California Coastal Commission to add blue carbon demonstration projects to the suite of factors it considers for potential mitigation when approving coastal development permits, where feasible
 - Status: Senate Appropriations
 - Supporter(s): Wildcoast (Sponsor), 350 Bay Area Action, Buena Vista Audubon Society, California Environmental Voters, City of San Diego, Indivisible CA State strong, San Diego Audubon Society, San Diego Unified Port District, Sierra Club, South Bay Cities Council of Governments, Surfrider
 - Opposition: California Apartment Association, California Association of Realtors, California Building Industry Association, City of Laguna Beach, City of Pismo Beach
- **AB 72: Early Warning System for Enhanced Coastal Bluff Monitoring Research Extension**
 - Extend deadline by 1 year (January 1, 2026) for Scripps Institution of Oceanography to complete the warning system for bluff collapse research and report due to the Legislature
 - Extends deadline from AB 66 (Boerner 2021) ○ Status: Governor's Desk
- **AB 73: Bicyclists: Stop As Yield Pilot Program**
 - Requires individuals riding a bicycle, 18 years of age or older, approaching a two-lane road with a stop sign at all intersections to have the option to treat the stop sign as a yield sign
 - Status: Senate Transportation
 - Supporter(s): California Bicycle Coalition (Cal Bike), California Association of Bicycle Organizations, Civic Well, City of Berkeley, City of Encinitas, City of Los Angeles, City of San Diego, Streets for All

- Opposition: California Coalition for Children’s Safety and Health, Children’s Advocacy Institute
- **AB 265: Fairness for Senior and Disabled Homeowners Act**
 - Seeks to secure a permanent funding source for the Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement (PTP Program), supplementing the collections of existing PTP accounts.
 - Status: Senate Appropriations
 - Supporter(s): State Controller Malian Cohen (Sponsor), California Association of Realtors, California Special Districts Association
- **AB 399: Water Ratepayers Protections Act of 2023: County Water Authority Act: exclusion of territory: procedure**
 - Requires, as an additional condition to the LAFCO process for allowing the detachment of a public agency from their relevant county water authority, that the majority of the voters within the jurisdiction of the county water authority vote to approve the detachment at a scheduled election
 - Status: Senate Governance and Finance
 - Supporter(s): City of San Diego (Sponsor), San Diego County Water Authority, San Diego Chamber of Commerce
 - Opposition: San Diego LAFCO
- **AB 548: Code Enforcement: Supplemental Inspections**
 - Requires local enforcement agencies to develop policies and procedures for inspecting a building with multiple units if an inspector/code enforcement officer determines that the defects or violations can reasonably affect other units in the building
 - Status: Senate Appropriations
 - Supporter(s): Regional Asthma Management and Prevention (RAMP) (Sponsor), California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, Children Now, Coalition for Economic Survival, Community Action to Fight Asthma, Healing and Justice Center, Human Impact Partners, Law Foundation of Silicon Valley, Western Center on Law & Poverty
 - Opposition: California Association of Realtors
- **AB 559: California Senior Legislature Tax Contribution Fund Sunset Extension**
 - Extends the sunset date for the California Senior Legislature Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund to remain on the tax return through 2030.
 - 2023 is the current sunset expiration.
 - Status: Governor’s Desk
 - Supporter(s): California Senior Legislature (Sponsor), California State Retirees
- **AB 589: Unicorn Homes Transitional Housing for Homeless LGBTQ+ Youth Program**
 - Would, upon appropriation by the Legislature, establish a 3-year pilot project expansion of the Unicorn Homes Transitional Housing for Homeless LGBTQ+ Youth Program in the Counties of San Diego and Sacramento. LGBTQ+ centers within each county would administer the program to house eligible youth in LGBTQ+ affirming host homes
 - Status: Senate Appropriations

- Supporter(s): North County LGBTQ Resource Center, San Diego LGBT Community Center, City of Oceanside, City of San Diego, Sacramento LGBT Community Center, Point Source Youth, Equality California
- **AB 716: Ending Surprise Ambulance Bills**
 - Would prevent consumers from being charged an out-of-network surprise bill for ground ambulance services and protect uninsured Californians from being charged inflated ambulance rates.
 - Status: Senate Appropriations
 - Supporter(s): Health Access California (Sponsor), Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment Action, American Medical Response (AMR), Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern CA, Asian American Drug Abuse Program, CA Agents & Health Insurance Professionals, CA Fire Chiefs Association, CA Nurses Association, CA PanEthnic Health Network, CA Physicians Alliance, CA Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, CA Teachers Association, CalPIRG California Public Interest Group, Cancer Legal Resources Center, Fire Districts Association of CA, National Health Law Program, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Public Law Center, Rising Communities, SEIU CA, United Way OC, Western Center on Law & Poverty, Young Invincibles
 - Opposition: America’s Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), Association of CA Life and Health Insurance Companies, C Association of Collectors, CA Association of Health Plans, CA Creditor Bar Association, Receivables Management Association International
- **AB 719: Medi-Cal: Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Reimbursement**
 - Requires Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans to reimburse public transit operators for nonmedical transportation and non-emergency medical transportation services based on the Department of Health Care Service’s fee-for-service reimbursement rates.
 - Status: Senate Appropriations
 - Supporter(s): California Transit Association (Co-sponsor), San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (Co-sponsor), Access Services, Association of Regional Center Agencies, California Academy of Family Physicians, California Association for Coordinated Transportation (CALACT), California Special Districts Association, Gold Coast Transit District, Monterey-Salinas Transit District, North County Transit District, Orange County Transportation Authority, San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit, Via Transportation
 - Opposition: America’s Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), Association of California Life and Health Insurance Companies (ACLHIC), California Association of Health Plans (CAHP), Local Health Plans California (LHPC)
- **AB 812: Pro-Artist Affordable Housing**
 - Allows cities and/or counties to authorize up to 10% of its very low, low, or moderate income housing for eligible artists within one-half mile from a state designated cultural district or within a locally designated cultural district
 - Status: Senate Appropriations
 - Supporter(s): California Arts Advocate (Sponsor), Actors’ Equity Association, Art Works Downtown, Arts for LA, Brava! For Women in the Arts, California Cultural Districts Coalition, Cine + Mas SF, City of Eureka, Encinitas Friends of the Arts, Institute of Contemporary Art San Diego, Japanese America Cultural & Community Center, MainStreet Oceanside, Nevada County

Arts Council, Precita Eyes Muralists Association, San Diego Regional Arts & Culture Coalition, Surfing Madonna Oceans Project

- **AB 1481: Expansion of the Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women Program**
 - Would Update and expand the Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women Program to increase access to eligible pregnant people to all medications and services covered by full-scope Medi-Cal while in the program
 - Status: Senate Health
 - Supporter(s): American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists District IX, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) AFL-CIO, Attorney General Rob Banta, California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems, California Hospital Association, California Legislative Women’s Caucus, California Nurse Midwives Association, NARAL Pro-Choice California, SEIU California

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3. Aurora Livingston, District Representative for Senate District 38, Catherine Blakespear, Aurora.Livingston@sen.ca.gov

It’s the final week in the legislature before summer recess so there is a lot going on. At the end of this week, the legislature breaks for a month and they will return August 14.

Bills and Legislative Actions

The Senator’s first bill (SB 360) which would allow members of LAFCO or Joint Powers Authority to serve on the Coastal Commission has been sent to the Governor to sign. He can sign, veto, or take no action within 12 days. At the end of session, the Governor will have 30-days to sign or veto rather than the standard 12 day clock.

The Senator signed onto a letter with other state legislators from San Diego County to send to Governor Newsom to stop the ongoing environmental disaster of cross-border pollution that has closed the beaches of the South San Diego coastline, sickened people and polluted our water. The letter requested a State of Emergency Declaration due to the severe impacts of cross-border pollution. Since December 2018, over 100 billion gallons of untreated toxic wastewater has crossed our border, with 35 billion coming just this year alone. Since Dec. 8, 2021, the South San Diego coastline has been closed for recreational beach access due to the ongoing catastrophe.

Other signatories include: President pro Tempore Toni Atkins, Senator Stephen Padilla, Assemblymember David Alvarez, Assemblymember Christopher Ward and Assemblymember Tasha Boerner.

Committees

This week, the Senator is scheduled to hear approximately 77 bills from the Assembly in committees such as housing, transportation, and governance and finance.

Contact

Please contact me with your feedback on bills or if you need assistance navigating state agencies.

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4. Celsey Taylor, Policy Advisor for Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, District 3, Celsey.Taylor@sdcounty.ca.gov

Budget

- Last month the Board of Supervisors approved the new budget for 2023-2024 fiscal year.
- **As Supervisor Lawson-Remer has said: We are throwing out the old playbook** and doing things differently on our biggest challenges.
- This budget includes new approaches to
 - **Homelessness**
 - The rising costs **housing**
 - **Mental health** services and **drug addiction** treatment
 - **Stopping the pollution of our local beaches and coastal waters.**
- **Budget highlights:**
 - Board approved expanding **two popular homeless-prevention programs proposed by County Supervisor Lawson-Remer.**

§ Senior Rent Subsidy pilot program

Nearly 1 in 3 homeless people in SD County are seniors! This program supports seniors with a \$500 monthly check over the course of 18 months. It's currently serving 222 seniors, but we're expanding because over 3,000 seniors have expressed interest.

§ The **regional homeless diversion program** that helps **stop homelessness before it starts.**

It helps people stay on top of expenses – like security deposits, first-month's rent, utilities, and car repairs – so they can stay housed and avoid homelessness

○ The board also directed an additional **\$500,000** to help the **Sheriff's Department** respond to the illicit **fentanyl crisis.**

Coastal Water State of Emergency

- County Supervisors voted to declare a **County-wide state of emergency** due to the **border sewage contaminating our beaches.**
- **It was introduced by Supervisor Lawson-Remer** and Chairwoman Nora Vargas.
- They also voted to request:
 - **Governor** and the **President** proclaim a state of emergency
 - **Suspend red tape** that may hinder response efforts

- Expedite access to **federal resources** for San Diego County.

This is the same process followed by local agencies during the Flint, Michigan water quality crisis.

- **It will also put pressure on the Mexican government** to do their part.
 - **Mexico's broken sewage plant** is a major cause of this problem.
 - A federal state of emergency will show this not just a San Diego issue, **it's a major national priority of the United States.**
- Urgency matters **because 35 million gallons of sewage** continues to flow into the ocean every day
 - Poisoning our environment, wreaking havoc on our tourism industry, and threatening the health of our residents.
- Parts of Imperial Beach have been shuttered EVERY SINGLE DAY this year. Coronado has had a beach closure nearly 80% of the year.
- It's unacceptable, and it's time for the state, nation, and Mexico to help us resolve this crisis once and for all.

For more updates, please sign up for our newsletter:

<https://remer.nationbuilder.com/join>

5. Cole Reed, District Representative, Office of Senate President pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins,
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Acting Governor Atkins

- Last week, Senator Atkins served as Acting Governor while Governor Newsom and Lieutenant Governor Kounalakis were out of the state. During this time, Acting Governor Atkins signed three bills into law. This makes her the second woman and first LGBTQ+ person in state history to sign legislation.

Local Budget Wins

- During budget negotiations, Senator Atkins secured close to \$20 million for the 39th Senate District. Notable highlights include:
 - \$1 million to support the La Jolla Streetscape Project
 - \$2 million to Scripps Oceanography for their California Coastal Monitoring program
 - \$5.6 million to the Fleet Science Center for exhibit space
 - \$1.5 million to the Business Improvement District Council to support Business Improvement Districts, small businesses, and community programming
 - \$1.3 million to the San Dieguito River Joint Powers Authority for the Reach the Beach Trail and Western Gateway Project
 - \$1 million to the San Diego Zoo for their Molecular Diagnostics Lab

For any questions, feel free to contact Cole at Cole.Reed@sen.ca.gov

Sign up for the Senator's newsletter: <https://sd39.senate.ca.gov/contact/newsletter>

6. Emily Piatanesi, Community Representative, Office of Mayor Todd Gloria, Epitanesi@sandiego.gov

Planning Department

- As mentioned at the Community Planners Committee, Planning Groups and community members are encouraged to complete the [Infrastructure Priorities Survey](#).
 - <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/programs/work-programs/infrastructure-prioritization-engagement>
- Prior iterations were done bi-annually (on every odd year) only through the Community Planners Committee and Community Planning Group platforms. The survey was open for a brief period of time, and submissions were largely (though not entirely) controlled by the Planning Group Chairs. Once the survey was closed, additional submissions were not accepted.
- This current survey methodology is opened to a much broader audience and can be completed by anyone—including the planning groups either collectively or as individuals. The survey will be open year round to collect input from residents.
- Similar to prior processes, survey data collected before August 15 will be sent to the City's Asset Managing Departments for evaluation and potential inclusion in their programmatic Fiscal Year 2025-2029 five year Capital Improvement Project submissions to the Engineering and Capital Projects Department.
- Unlike prior years, survey data will still be collected after 8/15 and will be considered the first submissions received for the Fiscal Year 2026-2030 outlook report development process.
- I wanted to be sure that you were aware of the initial survey deadline of August 15 for the purpose of including in the upcoming Fiscal Year programmatic evaluations.
- **The Planning Board is encouraged to take the survey as a board and/or via individual members.** We ask that you share this information with your residents to encourage a higher participation.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the process.

Homelessness

- Mayor Gloria partnered with City Councilmember Stephen Whitburn to propose the Unsafe Camping Ordinance, which was passed by the City Council on June 13, 2023, and signed into law. Enforcement of this ordinance will begin the end of July.
- The Unsafe Camping Ordinance will make amendments and additions to the San Diego Municipal Code to prohibit tent encampments citywide. Additionally, it will prohibit tent encampments (regardless of shelter availability) at locations considered to be high risk to public health and safety, including:
 - Within two blocks of K-12 schools;
 - Within two blocks of a homeless shelter;
 - Along trolley tracks and transportation hubs;
 - In City parks;
 - In canyons;
 - And in waterways like the San Diego River.
- This ordinance is only one piece of the efforts our administration has taken to address homelessness citywide.
- As noted during the City Council meeting on June 13, 2023, [The Comprehensive Shelter Strategy](#), outlines our next steps to address homelessness citywide. This will include the creation of a Safe Sleeping program for people living in tents that will be provided by the City. These sites will create a safe place for people to go and access supportive services that doesn't block sidewalks.
 - Safe Sleeping Program site: 20th and B street
 - Safe Sleeping Program site: O lot in Downtown
- For frequent updates on our administration's actions to address homelessness, I encourage you to sign up for our [Homelessness Newsletter](#). In addition, please visit our Homelessness Strategies and

Solutions Department [website](#) for a comprehensive overview of our continued work to address homelessness in San Diego.

o <https://www.sandiego.gov/homelessness-strategies-and-solutions>

Public Safety

- The [San Diego Police Department is proposing to bring Smart Streetlights](#) back to help investigate and solve crimes through a new and more transparent public process.
- After hosting a series of community meetings to inform the public and gather input, and attending the Privacy Advisory Board, the Smart Streetlights proposal will go to the Public Safety Committee on July 19th.
 - o <https://www.sandiego.gov/police/data-transparency/technology/view?tech=Smart%20Streetlights>

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